

TAIWAN CHUNG HSING UNIVERSITY

STUDY ABROAD SUMMER 2025



Taiwan, with its cosmopolitan cities, is Asia's most vibrant democracy, yet it is also a place of stunning natural beauty with mountains and hiking trails to explore and beautiful beaches to enjoy. It combines the customs and folkways of the Chinese, Hoklo, Hakka, and indigenous peoples that inhabit it. Traditional Chinese religions, arts, music, foods, and cultures are all well preserved here and are readily accessible. This program will be based in Taichung. With its pleasant climate, bustling night markets, and scenic landscapes, Taichung offers a unique balance of city life and natural beauty.

Students will take intensive Chinese classes for fifteen hours per week at National Chung Hsing University 國立中興大學. They will also participate in an internship once a week, during which they will introduce American culture in local K-12 schools and will receive internship course credits. Students will take a speaking and a reading proficiency test at the end of the winter semester for class placement at NCHU. Based on their proficiency level, they will be placed in a class by NCHU and study alongside students from other countries. Please note that all classes at BYU will be conducted in traditional Chinese. In addition to the language classes, students will participate in field trips to other parts of Taiwan. The number of participating students is limited to 25. Come experience and explore Taiwan with us!

DATES

31 May–22 August 2025

HOUSING

Students will stay at a hotel near the NCHU campus in June and in NCHU dorms in July and August.

COURSES

Students must enroll for CHIN 345R—Chinese Culture (3 credits), CHIN 399R—Academic Internship (1 credit), a core language course, and a conversation course. Students seeking to earn credits above CHIN302 are not recommended to participate in this program. Below are the course lists.

Core language course options:

CHIN 201—Intermediate Mandarin (4 credits)

CHIN 202—Intermediate Mandarin (4 credits)

CHIN 301—Third-Year Mandarin (4 credits)

CHIN 302—Third-Year Mandarin (4 credits)

Conversation course options:

CHIN 211R—Intermediate Conversation (2 credits)

CHIN 311R—Advanced Conversation (2 credits)

Students may not take any other courses on this program, including BYU Online courses, without approval by the program director and ISP.

COST

\$3,500 - \$3,800

Includes Latter-day Saint undergraduate full-time summer tuition (increased cost for graduate and non-Latter-day Saint students), housing, NCHU tuition, field trips, group meals, and international health insurance. As part of the Taiwan Huayu BEST exchange program between BYU and NCHU, students will receive scholarships of \$50,000 TWD (\approx \$1,600 USD) from the Taiwan Ministry of Education, with possible additional stipends of \$1,500 USD depending on the funding situation.

Does not include airfare, personal expenses, or visa application fees. Students should plan to spend around \$30–\$40 USD per day for food and transportation (primarily by bus) in Taichung. The cost of transportation between Taichung and Taipei or between Taichung and Kaohsiung is around \$50 USD for a round trip.

TRAVEL

Students are responsible for purchasing their own airfare to and from the program sites. Airline reservations must be made through BYU Travel. Students should contact a BYU Travel agent at 280 HRCB | (801) 422-6293 | travel@byu.edu

PREPARATION

Students are required to take the following prerequisite course or have reached the equivalent degree of language competency in speaking, listening, reading, and writing prior to departure: CHIN102— Beginning Mandarin or CHIN 112—Beginning Chinese Reading. Accepted students are required to participate in an international, cross-cultural preparation course (IAS 201R, 1 credit hour).

Students must meet all country- and program-specific COVID and health requirements for travel.

International study programs are physically, emotionally, and mentally taxing and you must be in good health to participate. These programs often take place in international locations that do not have the same level of safety and services in terms of transportation, living conditions, residential accommodations, food, public behavior, and policing that you may be used to on campus. If you have further questions or concerns on this, please see <https://kennedy.byu.edu/isp-travel-policy>.

FUNDING SOURCES

Regular BYU tuition scholarships, Pell Grants, and Federal Insured Student Loans may be applied to study abroad programs. Students who submit the financial aid section of the ISP application and who have a current FAFSA form on file at the Financial Aid Office (A-41 ASB) will be considered for a Study Abroad scholarship. Academic departments and colleges may assist with scholarships and grants. Chinese majors or minors enrolled in the study abroad program are eligible to apply for the Humanities + Study Abroad Scholarship. All eligible students can receive scholarship funding ranging from \$1,000 to \$3,500, while minors in the college are eligible for half the funding, ranging from \$500 to \$1,750. Private grants and scholarships outside of BYU may also assist (see kennedy.byu.edu/scholarships).

APPLICATION PROCESS

BYU welcomes students from any university to apply to participate on our study abroad programs. However, internships and direct enrollment programs are limited to BYU Provo students. Students must be 18 years of age or older to participate. Complete the online application at kennedy.byu.edu/isp-apply. A nonrefundable \$35 application fee is required; applicants will be interviewed once the application is complete. Students will be notified via e-mail of their acceptance into the program. The first payment is due upon acceptance.

Application Deadline: 15 December 2024

FACULTY

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SCHEDULE AND TIME COMMITMENT

Students must arrive in Taipei by May 31 to complete the onsite registration and stay until the program ends in August. They will have intensive Chinese language classes five days a week, three hours per day from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

INTERESTED STUDENTS SHOULD CONTACT

International Study Programs: 101 HRCB | (801) 422-3686 | isp@byu.edu | kennedy.byu.edu/isp

PROGRAM ADJUSTMENTS

International Study Programs (ISP) reserves the right to cancel this program, revise its offerings, or make any adjustments to the preliminary cost. If it becomes necessary for ISP to cancel a program, all program payments made to BYU ISP will be refunded to the student's BYU financial account. ISP is the only office authorized to cancel any of its programs.